



*From Your Sisters,
With All Our Love*

We stood beside you from the beginning, little girls growing into women—each of us shaped by your strength, your laughter, your gentle way of loving.

You were our second mother, our steady hand, our voice of reason, our soft place to land when life felt too heavy.

You taught us how to care, how to give, how to stand tall even when the world felt small.

And now, though your chair sits empty, your presence fills every room—in the meals you taught us to cook, in the faith you lived so boldly, in the memories stitched into the fabric of our hearts.

We will carry your legacy in every step we take, every prayer we whisper, every act of love we offer.

Sister, mentor, mother-heart—our Doll forever. Rest now in God's perfect peace.

We will miss you deeply, love you endlessly, and hold you always.

With all our hearts,
Your Sisters

**Earlean • Anna • Tammy
Gloria • Connie**



Pallbearers

Alphonson Baker
Johnny Little
James Jones

Curtis Little
Melvin Little
Eddie Kitchens

Jeffrey Waters

Acknowledgement

We are extremely grateful to you for all expressions of Love, words of Encouragement, Services rendered beyond the call of duty and the Joy you've shared to enlighten us during our time of bereavement. A special thank you to Dr. Syed Alam, the Davita Staff and fellow patient friends for your years of support and care! May God bless and keep each of you in a very special way.

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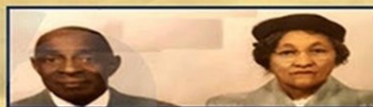
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*The Celebration of a Christian's
Promotion to Glory for*



Mrs. Mary Jo Little Rowell

Tuesday | August 11, 2026 | 11:00 AM

Lebanon Baptist Church

403 Bottsford Road | Plains, Georgia

Reverend Wallace Jordan, III | Pastor

Reverend Da'Juon J. Griggs | Officiant

Pastor | Bethlehem Baptist Church | Americus, Georgia

The Obituary

Mrs. Mary Jo Little Rowell, a devoted mother, cherished sister, faithful servant of God, and beloved member of the Americus community, transitioned peacefully to her eternal home on Tuesday, August 4, 2026. Born on July 2, 1943, she was the fourth child of the late James and Odessa Myrick Little of rural Sumter County, Georgia. Her family affectionately called her “Doll,” a name inspired by her sweet nature and adorable childhood presence.

Raised on a working farm, Mary Jo learned early the values of hard work, responsibility, and caring for others. She excelled in many skills, especially cooking and nurturing those around her—gifts she carried throughout her life. Her spiritual foundation was laid at Bethlehem Baptist Church, where she joined at the age of six under Rev. J. D. Hillsman and remained a faithful, contributing member for more than 77 years.

Mary Jo’s professional journey reflected her dedication and strong work ethic. She began in retail at Leonard’s on the Corner, later worked in food service at Georgia Southwestern College, and spent 24 years in manufacturing at Manhattan Shirt Company. She completed her career with 22 years of service in the Sumter County Schools Transportation System, retiring in May 2011.

Her life was blessed with two loving marriages. On September 29, 1962, she married Henry Carson Daniel, with whom she shared 22 wonderful years until his passing in 1984. Later, she married Deacon James Franklin Rowell, Sr., and together they built a beautiful life for 28 years until his passing in 2014. Their union was blessed with one precious son, James Franklin Rowell, Jr., and in 2024, her joy expanded with the addition of her daughter-in-law, Carmen Gilliam.

Preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; her sister Ozie Bell Daniels; her brother Johnnie Lee Little; a cousin she loved as a brother McArthur Little; and two bonus sons, Lawrence Rowell and Dr. Thaddeus Rowell, Mary Jo leaves behind a legacy of love, strength, and devotion. She is survived by her son James Franklin Rowell, Jr. (Carmen) of Columbus, Georgia; two bonus daughters Pamela Williams (Tommy) of Americus, Georgia, and Minister Penelope Ivey Woods (Harold) of Decatur, Georgia; her brother James Little, Jr., Americus, Georgia; five sisters: Earlean Brown, Tammy (Alphonson) Baker, Gloria (James) Jones, Americus, Goergia, Anna (Lester) Broner, Kennesaw, Georgia, and Dr. Connie (Eddie) Kitchens of Stockbridge, Georgia; sisters-in-law Ruby Little of Americus, Georgia and Apostle Dr. Helen Felton of Auburn, Alabama; one brother-in-law Dr. Charles Rowell of College Station, Texas; devoted friends Edward and Jennie Green, Americus, Georgia; her Bethlehem Baptist Church Family; and a host of sorrowing cousins and friends.

Mary’s life was marked by faith, resilience, and joy. Her spiritual belief sustained her through major health challenges and personal losses, but her testimony remained constant: “The LORD Has Been Good to Me... And Thank You Lord!”

As a family, we feel so blessed and deeply grateful to God for the gift of her life, for her legacy of faith, family, service, and love. May it continue to live on as a testimony of God’s faithfulness in hearts of those she touched.

A Life Wrapped in Grace



In Loving Memory of Mrs. Mary Jo Little Rowell

*She walked in kindness, soft as a prayer,
steady as a mother’s hand guiding those she loved.*

*Her laughter warmed the walls, her cooking filled the air,
and her faith—unshaken—carried her through every storm.*

*She lived with a servant’s heart, a matriarch’s strength,
and a spirit that knew the goodness of God in every season.*

*Now she rests in the light she long believed in,
wrapped in peace, held in glory, and welcomed home with joy.*

*Yet her love remains—in every memory,
every lesson, every life she touched.*

*For those who knew her were blessed beyond measure,
and those who loved her will carry her forever.*

*Rest well, beautiful Doll.
Your legacy lives in us.*

The Order of Service

Reverend Wallace Jordan, III | Pastor
Reverend Da’Juon J. Griggs | Officiant

Musical Prelude

Processional.....Led by Pastor Da’Juon J. Griggs

The Final Viewing The Final Sealing of the Casket

Hymn.....Deacon Stanley White

Prayer of Comfort.....Deacon Johnny Little

Solo.....Sister Pamela Rowell Williams

Old Testament Scripture.....Overseer George F. Monts, Jr.
Whole Truth International Ministry | Americus, Georgia

New Testament Scripture.....Associate Minister Lorann Benn
Bethlehem Baptist Church | Americus, Georgia

Reflections.....Sister Jennie Greene

Solo.....Sister Pamela Rowell Williams

Words of Comfort.....Pastor Da’Juon J. Griggs

**Acknowledgements, Heirloom Bible
& Memorial Blanket Presentation**
The J. W. Williams Funeral Home Staff

Recessional and Postlude

The Committal Service

Staley Memorial Garden
Americus, Georgia

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or the
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Youtube Channel.*